

## House Republican Press Release

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### **REPRESENTATIVE URBAN TO PARTICIPATE IN HOUSING CONFERENCE**



On Monday, February 7, State Rep. Diana Urban, R-North Stonington, will address the New England Regional Council (NERC) of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) Midwinter Conference at the Mohegan Sun Convention Center in Uncasville, Connecticut.

Rep. Urban will address the conference session entitled “Partnering with the Private Sector - Creating Meaningful Change in our Communities,” on Monday afternoon. The conference will focus on the current state of the housing industry and anticipated issues for the future.

“The crisis in housing is very real and funding is becoming a critical issue,” said Rep. Urban. “I am pleased to be able to bring my message about Housing as an economic ‘Velcro’ to this conference. We can achieve success in this public policy area if we recognize that safe, livable housing acts as an economic Velcro-encouraging all forms of economic development to “stick.” Without good housing, economic development will stagnate and it is essential that we bring this discussion to our Legislatures.”

NERC/NAHRO, is a professional membership organization comprised of over 250 housing and community development agencies. The organization’s goal is to create affordable housing and safe, viable communities for all New England residents, particularly those of low and moderate income.

Through a variety of programs and seminars, NERC/NAHRO ensures that housing and community development professionals have the leadership skills and knowledge to serve their communities, advocate for appropriate laws and policies, and foster the highest standards of ethical behavior, service, and accountability among its members.